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Forecasts of Corn and Cabbage Crops

Revised estimates on the production of corn for manufacture have been issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, also an estimate of the production of cabbage for kraut.

The acreage of corn for manufacture is placed at 300,420, as compared with 370,520 in 1920. The condition of corn on September 1st indicated a yield of 2.3 tons per acre, the same as on August 1st. This condition forecasts a production of 699,300 tons, as compared with a total yield of 925,500 tons in 1925.

The acreage of cabbage for kraut is placed at 10,030, as compared with 8,690 acres in 1925, and the indicated yield is 10.7 tons per acre, which forecasts a production of 107,600 tons. The production in 1925 was 89,800 tons and 121,200 tons in 1924.

Proposed Report on Missoula Rate Case

In the case (Docket 17562) involving rates on sugar and canned goods, in carloads, from San Francisco and related points, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma to Missoula, Mont., the examiner has submitted a proposed report to the Interstate Commerce Commissioner, finding that the present rates are not unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, but that they are unduly prejudicial to distributors at Missoula and unduly preferential of distributors at Spokane, Wash., and Wallace, Idaho.

Upon the record in the case the examiner recommends that the Commission find that the rates on canned goods, in carloads, to Missoula are unduly prejudicial to the distributors at that point and unduly preferential of distributors at Spokane and Wallace to the extent they exceeded, or may exceed, by 13.5 cents per 100 pounds the rates contemporaneously maintained to Spokane and Wallace.

Indian Bureau Seeks Bids on Canned Foods

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior Department, is asking for bids on food supplies for the Indian Service, including canned foods, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927. Bids will be received at the Indian warehouse, 1749 West Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois, up to October 14. It is specified that all articles furnished must be from crops of the calendar year 1926.

Canned foods included in the bids are: Apples in No. 3 size cans, 387 dozen cans; apples in No. 10 size cans, 556 dozen cans; blackberries, 1,094 dozen cans; corn, in No. 2 size cans, 4,831 dozen cans; peaches, 1,467 dozen cans; pears, in No. 2 size cans, 600 dozen cans; peas, in No. 2 size cans, 997 dozen cans; sliced pineapple, in No. 2 size cans, 362 dozen cans; plums, 872 dozen cans; tomatoes, in No. 3 size cans, 1,429 dozen cans; tomatoes, in No. 10 size cans, 2,220 dozen cans; tomatoes, with puree, in No. 2½ size cans, 51 dozen cans and tomatoes, with puree, in No. 10 size cans, 552 dozen cans.

Trend of Wholesale and Retail Prices

The general level of wholesale prices declined slightly from July to August, according to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the decrease being about 1 per cent. As compared with the same month a year ago prices in August were about 7 per cent lower. Retail prices of food also declined about 1 per cent.

Colombian Milk Regulations

The American Commercial Attache at Bogota reports that the effective date of the Colombian regulations for prepared milk has been postponed to September 30 and the amount of butter fat required in such preparations has been reduced from 9 to 7½ per cent by a resolution promulgated by the National Director of Hygiene and Public Assistance of Colombia at Bogota on July 15. Otherwise the Colombian milk regulations have not been materially changed.

Court's Order Restrains Federal Trade Commission

In a decision handed down on September 22, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia held that the Millers' National Federation of Chicago, Ill., is entitled to a restraining order against the Federal Trade Commission to prevent the execution of subpoenas calling for the production of books, rec-

ords and papers of the Federation which the Commission wanted to inspect in its proposed investigation of the milling and baking industry of the country. The investigation was ordered by a Senate resolution in 1924. The Millers' National Federation objected to the proposed inspection of its books and records on the ground that it would be an invasion of constitutional rights and confiscation of private property without due process of law.

Grades of Peas in 1925 and 1926

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has issued a statement on the grades of peas, sieves 1 to 5, in the crop of 1926 as compared with 1925, based on 72 reports on Alaskas, 13 reports on other varieties of smooth round peas, and 62 reports on sweet wrinkled peas. A summary of the figures given in the report follows:

	1925 Per cent	1926 Per cent
Alaskas (72 reports):		
No. 1	5.3	7.3
No. 2	17.7	23.6
No. 3	36.0	39.3
No. 4	32.1	24.0
No. 5	8.9	5.8
Other smooth round peas (13 reports):		
No. 1	15.0	16.9
No. 2	41.3	41.8
No. 3	28.4	28.9
No. 4	13.6	10.3
No. 5	1.7	2.1
Sweet wrinkled peas:		
No. 1	2.7	2.4
No. 2	10.5	11.3
No. 3	17.4	21.7
No. 4	31.0	35.0
No. 5	38.4	29.6

Car Loadings

Owing to the observance of Labor Day, loadings of revenue freight for the week ended September 11 showed a decrease of 120,265 cars under the preceding week when loadings were the heaviest for any one week on record, amounting to 1,151,346 cars. Despite the holiday, however, revenue freight loadings continued to exceed one million cars a week, this being the sixteenth week so far this year that the million mark has been exceeded.

Italian Customs Classification of Salmon

Reference was made in Information Letter No. 174 to a ruling of certain Italian customs officials which placed red salmon in a class by itself which would have entered duty free; the other kinds of salmon being classed as "other preserved fish." The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce has now announced that with the cooperation of the Bureau of Fisheries, sufficient evidence was presented to the Italian customs authorities to satisfy them that all of the usual varieties of salmon are actually salmon and should be admitted duty free. This ruling is of considerable importance since a large amount of the salmon shipments to Italy are of grades other than red. Had the original ruling been upheld, the increased duty would have severely affected the distribution of the product.

Swiss Market for Canned Pineapple and Asparagus

Per capita consumption of canned pineapple in Switzerland is not very much lower than it is in the United States, according to the American consul in Zurich. Its largest use is made by Swiss hotels and the middle and upper class Swiss families. The American product is considered the best, and its nearest competitor is the Straits Settlements pineapple.

Canned asparagus is used to about the same extent as in the United States, and the chief competition is between the American and the German product.

Rates on Pickles from Colorado to Oklahoma

In June the Interstate Commerce Commission suspended until October 6 the operation of certain schedules which proposed to increase the rates on pickles, carloads, from producing points in Colorado to destinations in Oklahoma. The carriers proposing these new rates having filed another tariff cancelling the proposed schedules and continuing the rates now in force, the Interstate Commerce Commission has set aside its previous order and the entire proceeding has been discontinued.

British Malaya Pineapple Exports

Exports of canned pineapples from British Malaya during June amounted to 6,960 tons valued at \$1,298,811, of which 6,178 tons were shipped to the United Kingdom. Fifty-seven tons valued at \$11,448 were shipped to the United States.